



## THE U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND

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Providing the Warfighter with the Decisive Edge!

### **U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Fact Sheet**

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, with its headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., became an official U.S. Army Materiel Command major subordinate command March 1, 2004. RDECOM's mission is to empower, unburden, and protect the Warfighter to enable the dominance of the Army. RDECOM is the Army's largest technology developer and it provides the Army critical system engineering capabilities.

The command has five imperatives:

- People: Recruit, develop, and retain a diverse, resilient, world-class workforce.
- Places: Acquire and sustain relevant, state-of-the-art research, development & engineering facilities and equipment.
- Purse: Develop and execute a balanced portfolio of resources and maximize delivery of capabilities.
- Processes: Develop integrated business processes that enables RDECOM to operate as a unified, agile, innovative and collaborative command.
- Products: Deliver timely, innovative, integrated solutions to modernize and sustain a dominant Army.

The command has more than 17,600 scientists, engineers and other professionals. RDECOM is composed of subordinate elements that have played a major role in the country's military history, some of which trace their lineage back to the early 1800s. The integration and synchronization of these organizations promotes and facilitates the agility to stay ahead of ever-changing technological advances and allows the command to be an honest broker for technology development.

RDECOM's subordinate elements are: the U.S. Army Aviation Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center; U.S. Army Research Laboratory; U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center; U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center; U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center; U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity; U.S. Army Natick Research, Development and Engineering Center; and the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center.

RDECOM works to create balance between developing technology solutions for the current fight and investing in future capabilities for tomorrow's challenges. The command uses its expansive working relationships with university-level institutions, its small business innovative research agreements and its cooperative research and development agreements with industry as well as international agreements with more than two dozen countries to improve the capabilities of the Army's research, development and engineering processes.

RDECOM's technological expertise, systems engineering discipline, analytical capabilities and collaborative reach gives the Army an unparalleled, organic research and development capability that keeps it on the cutting edge of technology across the full spectrum of operations.

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